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(54) KEY INPUTTING DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve character inputting efficiency by easily inputting a frequent long vowel '-' at the time of inputting Japanese even when the number of keys is small.

SOLUTION: A key inputting device 2 is provided with 5 vowel keys 21-25 where vowels are set. One vowel key 21 is set as a long vowel setting key at which a second character key for inputting a long vowel '-' is set. At the time of keying the key 21 once, the vowel set therein is outputted, and when keying it twice successively, the long vowel '-' is outputted, and when keying it three times successively, the vowel and the long vowel '-' set therein are outputted in the order of 'the vowel + the long vowel'. Even when the number of keys is small, the frequently used long vowel '-' can be easily inputted at the time of inputting Japanese, and character inputting efficiency can be improved.

